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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 1 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

REUTER'S SHARP, IN PEKING, REPORTS CHOU EN-LAI'S FIRST MAJOR PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN TWO MONTHS MONDAY NIGHT, AT 25TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION, GREETED WITH 50-SECOND OVATION BY MORE THAN 4,000 GUESTS IN GREAT HALL BANQUET CHAMBER. ANNIVERSARY BROUGHT BIGGEST GATHERING OF PRC LEADERS IN RECENT YEARS, INCLUDING SOONG CHING-LING
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(CHITRIB, NYT). CHOU LOOKED WELL AND SPOKE WITH STEADY VOICE. SHARP ADDS THAT PRC'S APPROACH TO COMPLETION OF 25 YEARS DOES NOT COMPARE WITH EXTRAVAGANZA MOUNTED IN 1959 WHEN SUCCESSES OF FIRST DECADE WERE HAILED AS

MAJOR TRIUMPH FOR CHINA AND COMMUNISM, AND MANY FPRETN
COMMUNIST LEADERS -- LED BY KHRUSHCHEV -- CAME TO PEKING
TO CONGRATULATE CHINA'S PEOPLE AND WATCH SPECTACULAR
PARADES AND FIREWORKS. AT LEAST ONE FACTOR CASTING
SHADOW OVER ANNIVERSARY IS AWARENESS THAT CHINESE
COMMUNISM IS APPROACHING WATERSHED -- WITH ADVANCING
AGE OF MOVEMENT'S ORIGINAL LEADERS AND NEED TO GIVE
CAREFUL THOUGHT TO QUESTION OF THEIR SUCCESSORS.

AFP'S ROMENSKY, IN PEKING, SAYS CHOU ADDRESSED BANQUET
IN STRONG, SHARP, METALLIC VOICE. HE WAS VISIBLY

MOVED BY OVATION AND TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO STOP APPLAUSE,
NODDING IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS AND SMILING. MEANWHILE,
PLA ORDERED SUSPENSION TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF QUEMOY
SHELLING IN COMMEMORATION OF HOLIDAY (PHINQ, GLOBE).

SHARP QUOTES RELIABLE SOURCES THAT CHOU WENT TO RECEPTION
FROM HOSPITAL AND RETURNED THERE LATER. NOTES MAO DID
NOT APPEAR IN PUBLIC AND, AS IN PAST THREE YEARS, THERE
WAS NO PARADE PAST ROSTRUM WHERE HE PROCLAIMED PRC
FOUNDING. ADDS THAT RELIABLE SOURCES QUOTED TOP PRC
OFFICIAL AS TELLING GROUP OF FOREIGN VISITORS TUESDAY
THAT CHINA WILL TAKE 50 YEARS TO REACH PRESENT ECONOMIC
LEVELS OF WEST; BY THEN, WEST WOULD HAVE PROGRESSED
FURTHER, SO PERHAPS IN 100 YEARS CHINA WILL REACH
PARITY. OBSERVERS FOUND IT UNUSUAL FOR PRC ECONOMIC
PROSPECTS TO BE PLACED IN SUCH PERSPECTIVE BY CHINESE
OFFICIAL. SO FAR, NCNA HAS MADE NO MENTION OF SOVIET
MESSAGE SUPPORTING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH
PEKING.

SUN'S MOSCOW BUREAU NOTES THAT IN ITS OFFICIAL GREETINGS
THIS YEAR, KREMLIN REFRAINED FROM CALLING ON PEKING
TO ABANDON ITS POSITION IN SINO-SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL AND
TERRITORIAL DISPUTES; AUTHORITATIVE COMMENTARIES IN
GOVT PUBLICATIONS MADE CLEAR THAT SOVIET WANTS PRC
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TO MAKE FIRST COMPROMISES, BUT SUGGESTED CHANCES FOR
SETTLEMENT ARE MUCH BETTER ONCE MAO IS DEAD. NYT'S
SMITH, IN MOSCOW, NOTES PRESS HAS BEGUN TO REFER TO
PEKING AS NOT ONLY ANTI-SOVIET, BUT ANTI-COMMUNIST.

PRC HAS AGREED TO AID MAURITANIA IN DIVERSE AREAS,
ACCORDING PRES. DADDAH'S STATEMENT RELEASED MONDAY
FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM PEKING. IN ADDITION TO
CONSTRUCTION OF 30 MILLION DOLS DEEP WATER PORT AND
HIGHWAY PROJECT ANNOUNCED EARLIER, PRC WILL PROVIDE
SPORTS STADIUM, INTEREST-FREE LOAN VALUED AT 2.3
MILLION DOLS, AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE AND WIDE RANGE
OF CHINESE EXPORTS (AFP, WP).

2. INDOCHINA

POLICE ROUGH UP CBS REPORTER AND AP PHOTOGRAPHER WHO WERE COVERING DEMONSTRATION BY ABOUT 25 BUDDHIST NUNS AND WOMEN WHO WERE PERMITTED TO STAGE SIT-IN NEAR NATL ASSEMBLY TO DEMAND RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. SCUFFLE BROKE OUT INVOLVING CBS CORRESPONDENT AND AP PHOTOGRAPHER, AND AT LEAST TWO VIET REPORTERS ALSO KICKED AND BEATEN (UPI, NYDN; S-N, 9/30).

WP'S MCCOMBS IN SAIGON SEES EXPLOSIVE POLITICAL SITUATION, WITH GVN'S STRONGEST FEAR THAT DIVERSE AND INTERNALLY DIVIDED PROTEST GROUPS WILL SOMEHOW COALESCE INTO POWERFUL, WELL-DIRECTED FRONT THAT MAY RESULT IN MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS THAT MIGHT GET OUT OF CONTROL. SO FAR THIS HASN'T HAPPENED SINCE MASSES OF RCS, STUDENTS, BUDDHISTS AND DISABLED VETS WHO ALONE CAN GIVE REAL MOMENTUM TO OPPOSITION HAVE STAYED HOME. BUT FLURRY OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND PROTEST OVER WAR, ECON HARD-SHIPS, CORRUPTION, POLITICAL PRISONERS, CENSORSHIP AND POLICE TACTICS WOULD HAVE SEEMED INCONCEIVABLE EVEN SIX MONTHS AGO.

MCCOMBS NOTES THAT THIEU HAS CONSOLIDATED ENORMOUS POWERS SINCE C-F, BUT AT SOME POINT TIDE SEEMED TO TURN AND POWER BEGAN, ALMOST IMPERCEPTABLY, TO SLIP. BELIEVES SHARP CUTBACKS IN US MIL AID AND FEAR OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FURTHER CUTS HAVE ERODED THIEU'S POWER. NOTES POLICE DEALING "GINGERLY" WITH RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS SINCE MAJOR CLAMPDOWN COULD CAUSE UPROAR IN CONGRESS THAT COULD SPELL END OF THIEU GOVT. TELLS OF "SEVERE" BEATING OF CBS CORRESPONDENT AND CREW WHEN ATTEMPT MADE TO FILM DEMONSTRATION. QUOTES GVN SOURCES THAT REAL CRACKDOWN WILL COME WHEN INCIDENTS OCCUR THAT WILL LET GVN USE "VAST PROPAGANDA MACHINE" TO BLAME EVERYTHING ON DEMONSTRATORS. WHILE POLITICAL ANALYSTS RELUCTANT TO GUESS WHAT THIEU WILL SAY IN FORTHCOMING RADIO/TV ADDRESS, MEMBERS OF DISSIDENT GROUPS ARE APPREHENSIVE. MEANWHILE, PUBLISHERS WILL MEET TO CONSIDER CLOSING ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS TO PROTEST CENSORSHIP; AND REV. THANH IS DUE BACK IN SAIGON AND HAS SCHEDULED PRESS CONFERENCE ON DAY FOLLOWING THIEU'S SPEECH. THANH ALSO REPORTEDLY TRYING TO SETTLE INTERNAL DIVISIONS AMONG RC CLERGY ON POLITICAL SITUATION. NEW BUDDHIST NATIONAL RECONCILIATION FORCES ALSO APPEARS PLAGUED BY DIVISION. OTHER, SMALLER GROUPS HAVE ALSO SPRUNG UP REPRESENTING OTHER RELIGIOUS SECTS, WORKERS, AND THE HUNGRY AND POOR.

AP VIENTIANE QUOTES DIPLOMATS THAT MYSTERY SURROUNDING CHINESE ROAD-BUILDING PROGRAM IN LAOS MAY BEGIN TO UNRAVEL WITH VISIT OF LAOTIAN "GOODWILL MISSION" TO PEKING. SAME SOURCES MAINTAIN THAT CHINA MAY TURN NETWORK OVER TO COALITION. ARTICLE REVIEWS HISTORY OF PLA EFFORT (INVOLVING 14,000 BUILDING OR GUARDING) THAT CARVED MORE THAN 400 MILES OF ROADS FROM CHINESE BORDER THROUGH MOUNTAINS TO REGION NW OF LUANG PRABANG. ROADS ARE WELL-BUILT AND SOURCES SAY THREE MAJOR ONES

RUN NE-TO-SW TOWARD MEKONG WITH CLOSE APPROACHES TO THAI BORDER, USAID-BUILT ROAD, BURMESE BORDER, AND CONNECTION TO NVN ROAD. ARTICLE MENTIONS ROADS AUTHORIZED UNDER TWO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH RLG THOUGH THEIR PURPOSE HAS LONG PUZZLED US OFFICIALS, SINCE NO RESOURCES ARE IN AREA. SOME THAIS SEE "SUBVERSIVE ARTERIES" AIMED AT REBEL-RIDDEN N. THAILAND. WESTERN SOURCES SAY BULK OF WORK COMPLETED AND CHINA PULLING BACK TROOPS AND DISMANTLING AA DEFENSES. UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECULATION HAS GROWN THAT PEKING WILL GIVE ROADS TO LAOS AND FEW DIPLOMATS THINK THAT PL ECON MINISTER WILL COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED FROM AID-SEEKING "GOODWILL MISSION". WESTERN DIPLOMAT BELIEVES THAT CHINA WILL DISCUSS MANY THINGS WITH MISSION - INCLUDING THE ROADS - IF ONLY TO OUTBID THE RUSSIANS (CSM).

TWO MEN WHO SAY THEY ARE COMMUNIST AGENTS DEMAND BETWEEN 25,000 AND 500,000 DOLS FROM MIA MOTHER JEAN MACDONALD FOR PROOF THAT HER SON IS ALIVE. MRS. MACDONALD WENT TO MEXICO CITY (WITH ANTI-COMMUNIST REV. PAUL LINDSTROM) WHERE SHOWN PHOTO THAT SHE WAS TOLD WAS TAKEN THREE MONTHS AGO; SAYS MEN WOULD NOT SAY WHO THEY REPRESENTED. LINDSTROM SAYS MEETING ARRANGED WITH PERSONS HE BELIEVES ARE "TIED TO A DIPLOMATIC MISSION" IN SEA, AND IS NOT SURE WHETHER WORKING FOR GOVT OR ON OWN BEHALF FOR MONEY. LINDSTROM ADDS THAT MRS. MACDONALD'S SON ONLY ONE NAMED SO FAR, AND HE BELIEVES OTHER MIAS ARE ALIVE (AP, BALTO N-A 9/30). WP'S FULLER ADDS THAT LINDSTROM WAS ORIGINALLY APPROACHED IN MEXICO CITY WITH OFFER AND THEN JOURNEYED TO PARIS AND ALGIERS AND BACK TO MEXICO ON BASIS OF TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS. QUOTES MRS. MACDONALD THAT SHE IS NOT CONVINCED THAT SON IS ALIVE AND IS TRYING TO GET US OFFICIALS TO DEMAND CURRENT INFO ABOUT SON. AF SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON SAYS HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY MRS. MACDONALD AND HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER.

FIELD REPORTS SAY THAT PHU BAI AIR BASE, NEAR HUE, CLOSED BECAUSE NVN AND VC SHELLING DAMAGED RUNWAY. AIR VN DC-4 SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY SHELL FRAGMENTS WHILE ON GROUND. BASE

ALSO CLOSED TO MIL FLIGHTS AND ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE ASSAULTS (AP, WP).

MARKHAM (NYT) IN SAIGON WRITES OF THE OVER-900,000 REFUGEES, MOSTLY RC, WHO FLED FROM NVN TO SOUTH TWENTY YEARS AGO DRIVEN BY FEAR "AND NO SMALL AMOUNT OF PROPAGANDA." FOR MOST PART THEY HAVE PROSPERED AND DOMINATE

MANY PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPY CRITICAL SECOND RANKS OF OTHERS, INCLUDING ARMY. DESPITE MATERIAL SUCCESS, UNCLASSIFIED

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MARKHAM DETECTS STRAIN OF UNEASE, DISENCHANTMENT AND EVEN FEAR RUNNING THROUGH THEM SINCE PROMISE OF FREEDOM WAS FULFILLED ONLY IN COMPARISON WITH NVN, AND PEACE AND SECURITY ARE DISTANT HOPES. EDUCATED NORTHERNERS HAVE MOVED INTO UNACCUSTOMED ROLE OF GVN OPPONENTS. SOME WORRY SINCE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CORRUPTION COULD EXPLODE INTO SOMETHING BENEFICIAL TO COMMUNISTS, WHILE OTHERS BECAME DEDICATED THIEU OPPONENTS AND ARGUE THAT ANTI-COMMUNIST CAUSE WILL BE LOST IF HE STAYS.

MARKHAM QUOTES NORTHERNERS THAT THEY FEEL AT HOME IN SOUTH WHERE LIFE IS EASIER THAN IN TONKIN. SOME CITE TRADITIONAL SOUTHWARD MIGRATION, THOUGH NOSTALGIA FOR RELATIVES LEFT BEHIND PERSISTS AND FORMER RESIDENTS RETAIN DEEP LOVE OF HANOI FOR ITS HIGHER LEVEL OF TRADITIONAL CULTURE, BETTER FOOD AND BEAUTIFUL WOMEN. NORTHERNERS PROUDLY DESCRIBE THEIR IMPACT ON EASY-GOING SOUTH, CONTINUE TO DOMINATE IN ARTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION; CLAIM THAT CLANNISHNESS KEEPS THEM OUT OF TOP ARMY POSITIONS BUT DO HOLD IMPORTANT MIL JOBS AND ARE FOUND THROUGHOUT RANKS OF COLONELS AND MAJORS. MARKHAM SAYS NOT CLEAR WHAT "NORTHERNER" MEANS IN POLITICAL TERMS SINCE IN THAT ARENA REGIONAL DISTINCTION BEGINS TO BREAK DOWN. RECALLS THAT DIEM USED NORTHERN CATHOLIC REFUGEES TO BUTTRESS HIS GOVT, AND FOR WHILE ANTI GOVT ACTIVITY WAS IN HANDS OF NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BUDDHISTS. OPINES THAT DETERIORATING ECON SITUATION, CONSTANT MIL PRESSURE AND NEW OPPOSITION STANCE SEEMS TO HAVE GENERATED PROFOUND UNEASE IN SOME CATHOLIC QUARTERS.

3. JAPAN

TRANSPORT MINISTRY ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY 29 INTERNATIONAL AVIATION COMPANIES, INCLUDING JAL, TO RAISE FARES 4 - 8 PER CENT ON ROUTES TO JAPAN (JOC).

AP (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPANESE MAKING LAST-MINUTE EFFORTS MONDAY TO BEAT STIFF PRICE INCREASES IN TRANSPORTATION AND RICE THAT WENT INTO EFFECT TUESDAY. PRICE INCREASES,

APPROVED BY GOVT, WILL PROBABLY TRIGGER INCREASES IN OTHER
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FIELDS FOR JAPANESE CONSUMER, WHOSE COSTS HAVE BEEN
RISING AT ABOUT 25 PER CENT YEARLY (CHITRIB).

IMPRESSED WITH "COMPUTER-CONTROLLED VEHICLE SYSTEM"

DURING VISIT TO JAPAN LAST MONTH, BALTIMORE'S HOUSING
COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDS MARYLAND STUDY SYSTEM. SAYS
ADVANTAGES INCLUDE PRIVACY, COST, FLEXIBLE ROUTES,
AUTOMATIC OPERATION, EASY ACCESSIBILITY AND LOW NOISE AND
AIR POLLUTION (SUN'S DILTS).

4. ANZ

SYDNEY WEEKLY "NATIONAL TIMES" SAYS AUSSIE INTELLIGENCE
ORGANIZATIONS SECRETLY TOOK OVER OPERATIONS OF US CIA
IN CAMBODIA WHEN US WAS EXPELLED IN 1965. ADDS THAT
OPERATIONS WERE FINANCED AND LARGELY CONTROLLED BY CIA
(S-N 9/30).

AP REPORTS THAT GOA PURCHASE OF MODERN AMERICAN PAINTING
-- WILLEM DE KOONING'S "WOMAN V" -- FOR 917,600 DOLS MET
WITH STORMY RECEPTION IN SYDNEY. LEADING AUSSIE
ARTIST SALI HERMAN SAID, "WE MUST BE A VERY RICH COUNTRY
IF WE HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY TO THROW AWAY, ESPECIALLY
ON AMERICAN ART. IT MIGHT BE A GOOD PRICE FOR A FINE
FRENCH PAINTING, BUT AMERICAN ART HASN'T THAT VALUE"
(PHINQ).

WHITLAM TOLD UNGA MONDAY THAT WAR FOR RESOURCES OR FOOD
OR MARKETS BY ANY NATION OR GROUP OF NATIONS WOULD
REPRESENT "THE SUPREME FOLLY." NYT'S HOFMAN OBSERVES THAT
WHITLAM APPEARED TO BE ALLUDING TO VARIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF
FEAR THAT FORCE MIGHT BE USED IF OTHER EFFORTS TO ASSURE
FLOW OF REASONABLY-PRICED OIL TO INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES
WERE TO FAIL. WHITLAM PROMISED THAT CONSUMERS WILL
ALWAYS HAVE STEADY, SECURE ACCESS TO AUSTRALIA'S
CONSIDERABLE RAW MATERIALS. PREMIER APPEALED FOR US
AND SOVIET TO ATTAIN "UTMOST MUTUAL RESTRAINT" IN
RELATIONS BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND WITH OTHERS; RECALLED
THAT GOA IS ALLIED BY TREATY WITH US, BUT STRESSED
THAT HIS COUNTRY IS READY FOR INVOLVEMENT IN PEACE-
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KEEPING ANYWHERE IN WORLD.

IN WELLINGTON, SHAH OF IRAN WARNED INDUSTRIALIZED
NATIONS MONDAY THEY WOULD COME OUT SECOND BEST IN

SHOWDOWN WITH OIL PRODUCERS. URGED THAT US START
EXPLOITING MORE OF ITS OWN "IDLE" ENERGY RESOURCES
-- SHALE OIL, TAR SAND, AND COAL DEPOSITS (UPI, JOC).

5. KOREA

ROKG ANNOUNCED TUESDAY THAT MUN SE-KWANG WILL GO ON
TRIAL IN SEOUL OCT. 9 ON CHARGES OF KILLING PARK'S
WIFE AND ATTEMPTING TO ASSASSINATE PRES. (REUTER SEOUL).

6. THAILAND

RTG SPOKESMAN REPORTS THAT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
DEPUTY SECDEF CLEMENTS AND DEPUTY FM CHATICHAI,
BANGKOK HAS REQUESTED CONTINUED US ASSISTANCE TO HELP
ATTAIN MILITARY SELF-RELIANCE IN INTEREST OF THAI
SECURITY AND INTERNAL PEACE (REUTER BANGKOK).

7. INDONESIA/DIEGO GARCIA

AP (JAKARTA) REPORTS CLEMENTS AND SUHARTO DISCUSSED
SEA SECURITY SITUATION MONDAY, INCLUDING US PLAN TO
BUILD DIEGO GARCIA BASE. BUT SUHARTO SPOKESMAN SAID
GOI STILL OPPOSES PROJECT (PHINQ, CSM). CSM'S
HALVERSON NOTES JOINT SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
WILL MEET TUESDAY ON DIEGO GARCIA CONCEPT. REPORTS
ONE HFAC MEMBER SAYING "THIS THING HAS BEEN PUSHED"
BY US MILITARY ON AND OFF SINCE 1966 -- "TYPE OF
THING WHERE THEY WEAR YOU DOWN" OVER THE YEARS.

8. GENERAL

WP'S JACK ANDERSON SAYS SEN. MONDALE HAS ASKED GAO PROBE
OF CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND AND 25 MILLION DOLS RAISED
TO FEED, CLOTHE AND EDUCATE WORLD'S NEEDY CHILDREN.
SAYS GAO CHECK FOUND THAT IN HK PROJECT WHERE 118
CHILDREN WERE SUPPOSEDLY BEING AIDED BY FUND, NONE
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OF CHILDREN WAS EVEN ENROLLED, AND SCHOOL WAS POCKETING
CASH. ADDS THAT OF 21 PROJECTS IN HK, ONLY 11 HAD BEEN
EVALUATED, AND IN PHILS ONLY 46 OF 78.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. CHINA

OBSERVANCE OF PRC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY PROMPTS SPATE OF
ARTICLES ON CHINA SCENE. GLOBE AND MAIL'S JOHN BURNS
IN PEKING (CHITRIB) DISCERNS "MOOD OF UNCERTAINTY
HANGING OVER THE LAND" CAUSED BY AGE AND FAILING HEALTH
OF LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY THAT OF CHOU WHOM WESTERN

PRESS CHARACTERIZED SO OFTEN IN PAST AS INDESTRUCTIBLE AND INDEFATIGABLE, AS SOMEHOW IMMUNE TO RAVAGES OF TIME. VIEWS CHOU'S ILL HEALTH AS POSSIBLY HAVING CONTRIBUTED TO STABILIZATION OF WHAT SEEMED EARLIER IN YEAR VOLATILE POLITICAL SITUATION; SUDDEN REVELATION OF HIS VULNERABILITY MAY HAVE BEEN DECISIVE FACTOR IN APPARENT DETERMINATION OF PARTY'S LEADING COUNCILS NOT TO ALLOW IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCE THAT SURFACED DURING ANTI-CONFUCIUS

CAMPAIGN TO DEVELOP INTO OUTRIGHT FACTIONALISM AND REPLAY OF GPCR, BUT TO SEEK RECONCILIATION AND UNITY INSTEAD. BURNS HYPOTHEZES THAT POSSIBILITY OF LOSING CHOU BROUGHT LEADERSHIP FACE TO FACE WITH UNPALATABLE PROSPECT OF INTERNAL DISSENSION ON GPCR SCALE WITHOUT STRONG FIGURE OF THE PREMIER AT THE HELM TO HELP RESOLVE DIFFERENCES WHEN TIME CAME FOR RETURN TO UNANIMITY AND ORDER.

RECALLING PEOPLE'S DAILY TALKING ABOUT "ALL-OUT WAR" ON RIGHTIST TENDENCIES IN FEB, SWITCHING TO EMPHASIS ON UNITY IN SEPT., BURNS SAYS SWITCH CAN ALSO BE RELATED TO CHANGING PERCEPTIONS ABOUT NATURE OF SOVIET THREAT. IT IS NOT THAT THE LEADERSHIP THINKS KREMLIN HAS GONE BENIGN, BUT RATHER THAT MAO AND HIS COLLEAGUES NOW PERCEIVE THAT THE SOVIETS WILL ACCOMPLISH THEIR PURPOSE IF THEY SUCCEED IN DIVIDING THE CHINESE THEMSELVES. IF CHINESE SEE DISSENSION IN THEIR RANKS AS GOAL OF SOVIET POLICE IT WOULD FOLLOW THAT UNITY UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL RATE AHEAD OF OTHER VALUES. SEES AS SHORT-RUN LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF RENEWED STRESS ON TOGETHERNESS THE HOLDING NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. LATEST RUMORS SUGGEST THAT MEETING MAY CONVENE IN DEC.

ZORZA (WP) REPORTS PEKING PRESS AND RED FLAG DISCUSSING MISFORTUNES WHICH AFFLICTED CHINA 2000 YEARS AGO AFTER DEATH OF EMPEROR CHIN, THE "UNIFIER" WITH WHOM MAO IS FREQUENTLY COMPARED. AS IF CONTEMPLATING MAO'S PASSING, RED FLAG SAYS AFTERMATH OF CHIN'S DEATH PROVIDES "HELPFUL" POLITICAL LESSONS FOR PRESENT. MOST IMPORTANT ARE CONCERNED WITH DANGER THAT AFTER MAO'S DEATH, CHINA MAY DISINTEGRATE INTO WARRING REGIONS AND THAT HIS SUCCESSOR MAY REVIVE ALLIANCE WITH USSR, WHICH SEEMS THE MORE IMMEDIATE DANGER. ONE ARTICLE REJECTS "CAPITULATIONISM" ADVOCATED BY THOSE WHO FEAR WAR WITH "THE SATRAP IN THE NORTH."

ZORZA SEES CLUES IN ARTICLE IDENTIFYING "CAPITULATIONISTS" AS CHOU AND TENG HSIAO-PING. CHOU FIGURES IN RED FLAG ARTICLE UNDER GUISE OF PRIME MINISTER LI WHO, ARTICLE SAYS, AT FIRST HELPED EMPEROR CHIN TO UNIFY

CHINA, STRENGTHEN THE SYSTEM AND OPPOSE CHIN'S ENEMIES. ONE SUCH ENEMY, CHAO, (I.E., TENG) HAD "ALMOST BEEN EXECUTED," BUT WAS RESTORED TO FAVOR AS EMPEROR CHIN'S RIGHT-HAND MAN. WITH EMPEROR ABOUT TO DIE, CHAO SUPPRESSED HIS TESTAMENT NAMING A YOUNG PRINCE AS SUCCESSOR AND CONSPIRED TO CROWN HIS OWN NOMINEE. LI WENT ALONG WITH CHAO'S SCHEME IN ORDER TO PRESERVE

HIS OWN OFFICE, "MADE THE INEXCUSABLE MISTAKE OF COMPROMISING AND WAVERING," THEN TRIED TO REPAIR HIS ERROR AND RESUME THE FIGHT - "BUT IT WAS TOO LATE."

RED FLAG CONCLUDES OMINOUSLY THAT THE "CHIN DYNASTY WAS DESTROYED WITHIN THREE SHORT YEARS AFTER THE DEATH OF CHIN." MORAL IS THAT MAO'S LIFE-WORK WOULD BE SIMILARLY DESTROYED UNLESS CHOU AND TENG ACCEPT MAO'S NEW NOMINEES FOR SUCCESSION. THESE ARE YOUNGER AND MORE RADICAL LEADERS WHO WERE BROUGHT INTO POLITBURO LAST YEAR AND HAVE SINCE BEEN CHALLENGING UNCLASSIFIED

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CHOU AND TENG FOR SUPREME POWER. YOUNGEST OF THESE, WANG HUNG-WEN, HAS LATELY TAKEN TO PARADING IN MIL UNIFORM, EVIDENTLY TRYING TO TAKE CONTROL OVER ARMY, WITHOUT WHICH HIS FACTION'S CLAIM TO SUCCESSION COULD HARDLY BE ASSURED. NEW SPATE OF PRESS ARTICLES CONDEMNING ARMY'S OPPOSITION TO PARTY'S COMMAND SUGGESTS THAT THE GENERALS HAVE ALSO REJECTED MAO'S ANOINTED SUCCESSORS.

JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, REVIEWS PRC ECON PROGRESS IN SECOND OF TWO ARTICLES. CONCLUDES THAT CHINA HAS MADE MASSIVE PROGRESS SINCE 1949, "BUT IT IS NOT SHANGRI-LA."

LAT'S ELEGANT (SEPT. 29) IN HK WRITES LENGTHILY ON THE EXPERIENCES OF HK BUSINESSMAN TRAVELING TO VISIT AGED FATHER IN SHANGHAI. BUSINESSMAN, WHO TRAVELED AS INDIVIDUAL AND DID NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS, GAVE ACCOUNT OF JOURNEY DIFFERING VERY SIGNIFICANTLY FROM EXPERIENCES OF NON-CHINESE WHO TRAVEL IN ORGANIZED GROUPS OR AS "HONORED GUESTS OF CHINA," FROM THOSE OF OVERSEAS CHINESE RETURNING TO MOTHERLAND IN GROUPS AND FROM CHINESE OF PRIVILEGED RANK. IMPRESSIONS SOURCE PROVIDED WERE GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE.

FROM BANGKOK, SUN'S ISAACS NOTES COOLING OFF OF ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN. ATTRIBUTES WANING TO PREOCCUPATION OF MODERATE FACTION IN LEADERSHIP IN PREVENTING ECON GAINS FROM BEING ENDANGERED BY POLITICAL UPHEAVAL. LIKE BURNS, ISAACS OBSERVES THAT CELEBRATIONS ARE OVERSHADOWED BY UNRESOLVED PROBLEM OF PASSING POWER

TO NEW GENERATION. NYT'S LELYVELD IN HK NOTES
"UNMISTAKABLE UNDERTONE OF POLITICAL ANXIETY" IN
CHINA. QUESTION OF SUCCESSION LOOMS LARGE BECAUSE
OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER IT CAN BE BROUGHT OFF
SMOOTHLY. BUT LELYVELD SEES MORE PROFOUND QUESTIONS
FACING CHINA. FIRST AMONG THESE IS WHETHER MAOIST
MODEL OF REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP WILL SURVIVE MAO
OR LESS SECURE LEADERSHIP WILL SLIP INTO STYLE OF
GOVT THAT RADICALS CALL "BUREAUCRATIC" AND BUREAUCRATS
CALL "PRAGMATIC." BEYOND THIS IS QUESTION OF CHINA'S
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RELATIONS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND HER READINESS TO
RESPOND TO IMPERATIVES OF HER OWN ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY.
WILL IT RISK ITS REVOLUTIONARY ELAN BY TRAINING
ENOUGH SCIENTISTS AND MANAGERS? OR WILL THIS ELITE
CONTINUE TO BE POLITICALLY SUSPECT, AS IT HAS BEEN
SINCE GPCR? MOST DIFFICULT QUESTION CONCERNS
PEOPLE -WHETHER THE NARROW RANGE OF POLITICAL VALUES,
AUSTERITY AND STRUGGLE THAT HAS BEEN THEIR LOT FOR
LAST 25 YEARS ADD UP TO AN ACCEPTABLE VERSION OF
GOOD LIFE.

FROM HK, WP'S GREENWAY NOTES PEOPLE'S DAILY, LIBERATION
DAILY AND RED FLAG PUBLISHING JOINT EDITORIAL STRESSING
UNITY AND PRODUCTION IN OCT. 1 CELEBRATION. THIS IS
FAR CRY FROM EARLIER EXHORTATIONS TO "GO AGAINST THE
TIDE."

INDIAN MP SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY, FORMER ECONOMICS PROF
AT HARVARD, SKETCHES PRC'S ECON ACHIEVEMENTS; NOTES
THAT THEIR COST HAS BEEN GREAT IN TERMS OF SUPPRESSED
LIBERTY AND REGIMENTATION. CITES MOST OBSERVERS AS
CONCLUDING THAT ASSETS BUILT UP HAVE BEEN GREATER THAN
LIABILITIES ASSUMED (CSM).

10. SOUTH PACIFIC

FROM SUVA, LAT'S LAMB (SEPT 28) SEES ATTEMPT BY
EMERGING PACIFIC NATIONS TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE
AND TO DEVELOP A FORUM OF REGIONAL COOPERATION
FOUNDERING ON WAVES OF NATIONALISM. BESIDES DE-
PLOING FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE PACIFIC -
FIJI, TONGA, W SAMOA AND NAURU - HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
AGREE ON LITTLE IN MUTUAL AREAS OF TRANSPORT, TRADE,
DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL IDENTITY.

PROBLEMS OF UNITY ARE EXEMPLIFIED BY DIFFICULTY
IN ESTABLISHING REGIONAL AIRLINE - A DIFFICULTY
WHICH COULD DESTROY THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM,
ACCORDING TO FIJI'S PM RATU MARA. AIR PACIFIC
WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1971 AS REGIONAL CARRIER TO AVOID

THE ERRORS OF THE AFRICAN MINI-STATES. BUT TODAY
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AIR PACIFIC IS FIGHTING FOR ITS LIFE. NAURU PULLED
OUT OF CONSORTIUM IN 1972; TONGA RECENTLY DECIDED
TO START ITS OWN AIRLINE, AND W SAMOA IS MAKING
NOISES ABOUT ENDING PARTICIPATION. MOREOVER, AIR
PACIFIC IS FIGHTING WITH PAN-AM. IT WANTS LANDING

RIGHTS IN PAGO PAGO AND BELIEVES IT HAS CASE BECAUSE
PAN-AM SERVES FIJI.

SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM, ESTABLISHED AT FIJI INITIATIVE,
HAS CAUSED SOME JEALOUSY IN LESS-DEVELOPED TONGA
AND WESTERN SAMOA. BUT JUST AS SMALL PACIFIC NATIONS
LOOK TO FIJI FOR LEADERSHIP, FIJI IN TURN LOOKS TO
AUSTRALIA AND NZ. GOA RECENTLY PLEDGED 375,000
DOLLARS AS A FIRST CONTRIBUTION TOWARD 5-YEAR PLAN
FOR PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PACIFIC CULTURES,
BUT NO ONE HAS FIGURED OUT HOW TO SPEND IT.

IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, LAMB REPORTS ACCELERATION OF
FIJI BRAIN DRAIN NOTING THAT LAST YEAR, 3,747 LEFT
FIJI, MOSTLY SKILLED AND PROFESSIONALS. MAJORITY
ARE INDIANS WHO HAVE SHOWN MORE AGGRESSIVENESS
THAN NATIVE FIJIANS AND ARE BETTER EDUCATED AND
BETTER BUSINESSMEN. DEPARTING PROFESSIONALS ARE DIS-
PLEASED WITH SALARY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LOCALS AND
EXPATS AND IN SOME CASES WITH THEIR SLOW ADVANCEMENT.
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